POLICY BULLETIN CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

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SUBJECT: Eleventh Release of the Child Nutrition (CN) Database

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The eleventh release of the Child Nutrition Database (CN11) was made available on April 6, 2007. The new release is available to computer software companies who develop the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) approved Nutrient Standard Menu Planning Software Programs, for the purpose of updating their existing software. The CN11 release contains 459 new items and 3,362 revised items with a total of 10,862 active food items, including 8,249 processed foods.

The eleventh release can be downloaded from the Healthy Meals Resource System website at: http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/cndatabase.html. This web location also contains the System Components and File Formats (SCFF) document that defines the structural design of the CN11 Database. All Standard Reference (SR) 19 updates have been applied to the SR products included in this release. The Moisture Fat Change Table listed as "MSFTCHG" and the Chef's Challenge recipes were marked as discontinued in CN10 and have been removed from CN11.

The CN Database is an integral part of both the USDA-approved Nutrient Standard Menu Planning and School Meals Initiative (SMI) Nutrient Analysis Software. We expect the USDA-approved software companies to incorporate the CN11 Database into their software by July 6, 2007, and distribute the new version of the software to their current users. Anyone who does not receive an update should contact his or her software company. Please contact Tim Vázquez at (703) 305-2609, if you have any questions or if you determine that a software company is not updating their software to include the new CN11 Database.